

LADY GYMNASTICS



Centenary College 1981—82
Shreveport, Louisiana

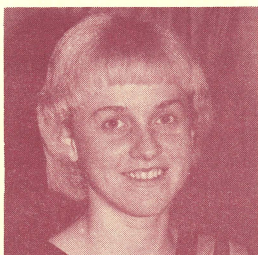
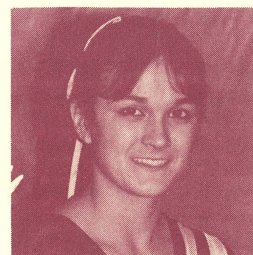


Jill Brown 5-6 Junior All-Around Rockwall, Texas

National Balance Beam Champion in 1980 and two-time All-American on beam . . . finished sixth in 1981 with a 17.30 . . . will give Ladies added depth on bar competition when Centenary really needs a score . . . floor exercise and beam are promising. "This year Jill is well aware that she has to pick up an important role for us," said Coach Vannie Edwards. "Jill was injured a good part of the season last year. This year she's physically healthy. She's got to help us in four events rather than just being in there occasionally. I'm excited about it, because it's a new kind of responsibility for her, which a person needs to have to grow as a human being."

Jennifer Forshee 5-6 Junior All-Around Bonne Terre, Missouri

Finished sixth in the Individual All-Around with a 34.95 earning All-American honors for the second consecutive season . . . handles the home run spot on beam and bars for Ladies which are two tricky events. . . can handle the pressure. . . can go up and get a score when she really has to . . . considered the fullback of the team. "Jennifer gives a great deal as an individual," Edwards praised. "She came here as a talented gymnast, but lacked inner confidence as a performer. She has always been physically capable but mentally she'd have a good meet and a bad meet. Now she's learned to put life in the same perspective; everything's a pretty good day. Her consistent performance is intimidating."

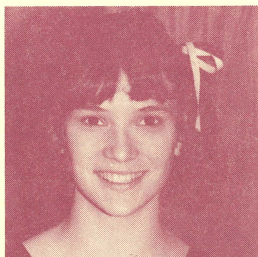
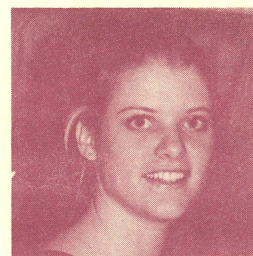


Susan Gibson 5-4 Freshman All-Around Richmond, Indiana

One of two new faces for the Ladies . . . a walkon, Centenary gymnastic coach Vannie Edwards is delighted to have Susan aboard. "I expect some pretty good things from Susan," Edwards said. "I don't know where she fits in our lineup, but somewhere in the top group. I think she will add a lot of depth to us. I feel like in the first part of the season she's going to hit a few and miss a few, but that's the case of any incoming freshman. Because we have Margot Todd, Jennifer Forshee and Jill Brown to back us up, that gives her a chance to kind of home in there and get steady with us and then make her contributions by the time we get to nationals."

Lisa Greenhaw 5-8 Junior All-Around Fort Worth, Texas

Lisa is a transferring junior from Southern Arkansas competed in two National Junior College Championships and was their leading gymnast works well on beam and floor exercises. "Lisa should give us added depth on the beam and floor," Edwards said. "She's a very consistent vaulter. We may have to use her some as a specialist in a couple of events, but she's certainly capable if we really get any injuries during the season to fill in as an all-arounder for us. The great thing about Lisa is it takes the pressure off the other girls and gives us that added depth we really need."

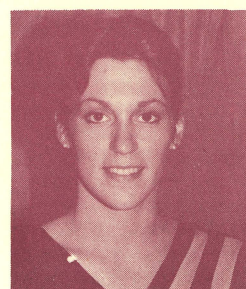
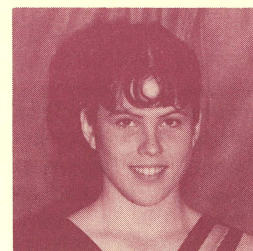


Jessica Soileau 5-4 Sophomore All-Around Ville Platte, Indiana

A sophomore returnee, Jessiac came as a walkon last year and did a super job for the Ladies. moderately strong competitor in the all-around. . . . has a lot of talent and only needs the experience. "She was the seventh girl last year," Edwards said. "With Jill out with some injuries, Jessica filled in some meets and got some key scores for us. In fact, she competed in better than 50 percent of the season last year. Jessica has really progressed well this year. Instead of a girl just walking in a couple of events, she's going to compete on a regular basis."

Janet Stevens 5-3 Freshman All-Around Bossier City, Louisiana

One of two new faces for the Ladies . . . Janet has been with the age group program at Olympia Manor for three years. . . she's a real talented gal but has never risen to the fore front of being a star. . . considered a diamond in the rough. "Janet has a lot of ability and personality, and college is where she belongs," Coach Edwards said. "She's a real good optional performer, which hurt her in the age group program, not being a good compulsory performer. She can really show her stuff. She has a lot to prove. Janet has watched a lot of these kids grow at Olympia, and now she's anxious to join this team to get her special identity as a team person and as a collegian where she can become a star."



Margot Todd 5-4 Junior All-Around Albany, Georgia

Returning as a two-time national champion in floor exercise and one-time champion in vaulting. Margot is one of five All-Americans off last year's AIAW Division II National Gymnastics Championship team. . . . is Ladies leader in 1982 . . . a former Elite participant . . . scored 18.30 on floor exercises and 18.50 on vault in championship last season out of a possible 20.0. "When it comes time to knuckle up and do gymnastics for three and a half months she's willing to put her nose to the grindstone," Edwards said. "Down near the wire, she loves it when it's tough and tight. She loves to come through — that's her greatest asset." Margot is a very talented gymnast and is considered a blue chipper. . . very tough mentally and she believes in herself . . no stranger to Edwards, Margot worked as Edwards' student for three years at the Olympia Training Center before coming to Centenary.

CENTENARY GYMNASTICS OUTLOOK

The Centenary Lady gymnastics team will be out to prove a point when the 1982 season begins with a dual meet against Southern Arkansas University.

The meet will be the first of 10 scheduled meets concluding with the Regional AIAW Division II Championship to be held March 12-13 in Shreveport at the Gold Dome. The National Championship will be held in Denver, Colorado, March 26-27.

After winning four straight AIAW Division II National Championships and 29 consecutive gymnastics meets, the Ladies will be out to defend their pride plus their outstanding performances of the past.

"We'll be better than most," gymnastics coach Vannie Edwards said. "This is going to be a challenging year because we are not as mentally strong as we have been in the past. We have three newcomers along with three returning All-Americans, but we lost two fine folks in Kim Strauss and Sue Haynie (both All-Americans last season)."

With Margot Todd, Jennifer Forshee, and Jill Brown returning, Edwards certainly has three bonofied gymnasts. Todd is a two-time national champion on floor exercise; Forshee is a two-time All-American in the all-around, and Brown is a two-time All-American on the beam. Also coming back is Jessica Soileau in the all-around.

Lisa Greenhaw is a transfer from Southern Arkansas and should help down the stretch, while freshman Janet Stevens and Susan Gibson show great amounts of potential.

"At the beginning of the season we will go for safe and consistent scores," Edwards noted. "We don't want to get anyone hurt early. We will build confidence and physical conditioning.

"The abiltiy level of the seven is pretty good," Edwards praised. "We don't have any superstars on this team, but we do have the type of gymnasts who can go up and consistently stay in there and 8.8, 8.6, 8.8, and 8.9 you to death.

"It's a simple matter in gymnastics," Edwards said. "If you believe before you go out there, then you have something over the next fellow. I feel our kids will have that special ingredient that makes that person unique."

CENTENARY GYMNASTICS COACH COACH VANNIE EDWARDS

The year was 1964, and a young health and physical education faculty member named Vannie Edwards introduced women's gymnastics to Centenary College.

In those infant years, Vannie brought one national championship and three second places and the Shreveport "Best Ad" award for himself and the girls in 1966.

The College lost Vannie in 1969 and with him the gymnastics program. Eight years later, Edwards returned to Centenary and has coached 26 All-American, won four consecutive AIAW Division II National Championships, and reeled off 29 straight victories without a defeat.

He was selected "Coach-of-the-Year" in 1977 by the U.S. Gymnastics Federation, and has been a part of 23 United States teams in international competition since 1964. His travels have taken him, he estimates, to 197 countries.

"The object for me in coaching is to help these kids we're involved with become complete individuals," Edwards said. "We are using the activities of gymnastics, in which they all have an intense interest in, for them to learn how to set goals and ambitions.

"Gymnastics is merely a tool to help them become individuals. We're going wo win as human beings anyway - winning is only a by-product - let winning take care of itself. Look at the record, and I think it shows it takes care of itself."

A native of Baton Rouge, the 44-year-old Edwards is married to Bobbie Edwards. Together they have six children.

The well-known coach served as an Olympic Gymnastics Coach in the 1964 Tokyo Games, manager in the 1968 Mexico City Games, and assistant coach in the 1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal Games.

Edwards pioneered gymnastics at Centenary and in the world.

WELCOME TO CENTENARY

Centenary College is a four-year liberal arts college, the oldest chartered institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River.

With an enrollment of 1,200 men and women, it affords students an opportunity to nurture their academic endeavors in the warm and personal atmosphere of a small college.

Centenary is an institution of The United Methodist Church and was founded in 1825. The College was founded on the Judeo-Christian heritage which emphasizes the wholeness of human life, the interrelatedness of knowledge, and the dignity of man.

The 65-acre campus of rolling hills and stately pines is a natural setting for Centenary's Georgian buildings, located two miles south of downtown Shreveport. Centenary College is located in the heart of the geographical, cultural, and ecomonic center of the Ark-La-Tex.

There's more to Centenary than books and studying. In between and after classes, students are busy with honor and service clubs, the Student Government Association, pre-professional organizations, fraternities and sororities, the newspaper and yearbook staff, intramural sports, art shows, musical, theatre, and much more.

Team	V	UB	BB	FX	AA	PI.	Team Score:
Coach:							
Event Score:							

HOW TO SCORE

Judging a gymnast's performance requires great concentration on many facets of a routine. To become proficient and consistent, one must study written or filmed interpretations constantly and judge routines regularly.

The judges at this meet hold either a national or elite rating and come from all areas of the United States. They represent years of experience and expertise.

A gymnast's routine is judged on its composition and execution with each given equal value. A definition of judging categories with some of the typical point deductions is listed below.

Composition = 5.0

3.0 = Difficulty - 4 "B" moves at 0.3 each
3 "C" moves at 0.6 each
"D" moves at 0.6 each

0.5 = General Composition (Choice of Elements)

0.2 = Spacing of Elements — Based on using the entire apparatus (all directions, levels, space/area)

Execution = 5.0

4.0 = Technical value and amplitude — Correctness of technique and maximum body position on all moves.

0.5 = General Impression — Elegance, poise, style, presentation of the gymnast.

0.3 = General Rhythm — Lack of monotony, change of pace and speed of movement.

0.3 = Virtuosity — Ultimate performance of a "C" or "D" skill when full difficulty is performed.

0.2 = Distribution of Elements — Based on having the difficulty elements equally placed throughout the routine.

0.5 = Technical Value of Connections — Difficulty level of connecting moves between major elements.

0.4 = Risk — A level of difficulty required that exceeds the classification of "B" and "C" as indicated by the USGF.

0.2 = Originality — Based on new, different, never before performed, rare moves.

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**CENTENARY COLLEGE
1982 GYMNASTICS ROSTER**

NAME	EVENT	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Jill Brown	AA	Jr.	5-6	Rockwall, Tx., Rockwall HS
Jennifer Forshee	AA	Jr.	5-6	Bonne Terre, Mo., Lakewood HS
Susan Gibson	AA	Fr.	5-4	Richmond, In., Richmond HS
Lisa Greenhaw	AA	Jr.	5-8	Fort Worth, Tx., Richland HS
Jessica Soileau	AA	So.	5-4	Ville Platte, La., Sacred Heart HS
Janet Stevens	AA	Fr.	5-3	Bossier City, La., Bossier HS
Margot Todd	AA	Jr.	5-4	Albany, Ga., Trinity Heights HS

HEAD COACH: Vannie Edwards

CENTENARY ALL-AMERICANS

1965-66	Susan McDonald, Marianne Woolner, Paula Chris, Mary Camille Traweek and Mary Bankston.
1966-67	Janie Speaks, Karen Lively, Marianne Woolner, Susan McDonald and Diane Masse.
1967-68	Debbie Bailey, JoAnn Connelly, Mickey Adams, Karen Lively and Judy Johnson.
1968-69	Karen Lively, Mickey Adams, JoAnn Connelly and Jan Wheatley.
1976-77	Janie Van Eman.
1977-78	Kathy Johnson, Beth Johnson, Jeanelle Bertling and Gigi DeJong.
1978-79	Kathy Johnson, Beth Johnson, Jeanelle Bertling, Emily May and Denise Balk.
1979-80	Beth Johnson, Jennifer Forshee, Margot Todd, Jill Brown, Kim Strauss and Karen Edelsten.
1980-81	Margot Todd, Kim Strauss, Jennifer Forshee, Jill Brown and Sue Haynie.

RESULTS 1981 GYMNASTICS DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Team Standings

	<u>Points</u>
1. Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana	141.05
2. University of Denver, Denver, Colorado	139.20
3. Slippery Rock State College, Slippery Rock, Pa.	135.45
4. Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, Ct.	135.25

Individual Event Results

Balance Beam

	<u>Points</u>
2. Kim Strauss, Centenary	18.25
5. Jennifer Forshee, Centenary	17.45
6. Jill Brown, Centenary	17.30

Floor Exercises

1. Margot Todd, Centenary	18.30
2. Kim Strauss, Centenary	18.05

Uneven Bars

2. Margot Todd, Centenary	17.65
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Vault

	<u>Points</u>
1. Margot Todd, Centenary	18.50
6. Sue Haynie, Centenary	17.85

Individual All-Around

1. Christie Clark, So. Connecticut	35.90
2. Kim Strauss, Centenary	35.80
3. Karen Beer, University of Denver	35.80
4. Margot Todd, Centenary	35.60
5. Heidi Croeber, US Air Force	35.10
6. Jennifer Forshee, Centenary	34.95
7. Tracy Manduchi, Seattle Univ.	34.85
8. Monica Reeves, Slippery Rock	34.80

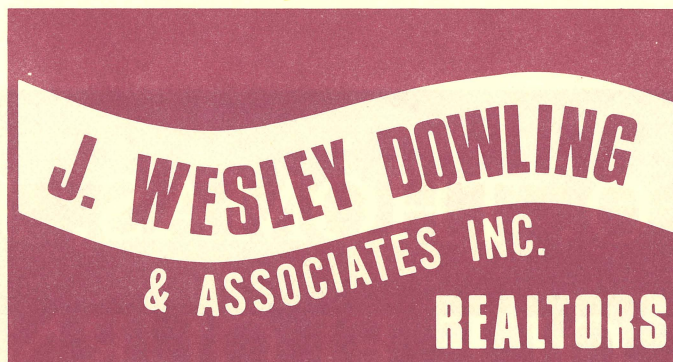


1982 Centenary Lady Gymnasts: Team members from left to right, Coach Vannie Edwards, Susan Gibson, Margot Todd, Janet Stevens, Jessica Soileau, Jennifer Forshee, Jill Brown and Lisa Greenhaw.

**CENTENARY LADIES
1982 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site
Sat.	Jan. 9	University of Southern Arkansas	Gold Dome
Sat.	Jan. 15	Oral Roberts University	Gold Dome
Fri.	Jan. 22	University of South West Texas	San Marcus, Tx.
Sat.	Jan. 23	University of Texas-Austin	Austin, Tx.
Fri.	Jan. 29	University of Southern Arkansas	Camden, Ak.
Fri.	Feb. 3	Texas Christian University	Fort Worth, Tx.
Sat.	Feb. 13	Auburn University	Auburn Univ., Ala.
Fri.	Feb. 19	University of Texas—El Paso	Gold Dome
Sat.	Feb. 20	University of Arizona	Gold Dome
Fri.	Feb. 26	Oral Roberts University	Tulsa, Okl.
Fri.—Sat.	Mar. 12-13	Regional AIAW Championship—Region IV	Gold Dome
Fri.—Sat.	Mar. 26-27	National AIAW Championship	Denver, Co.

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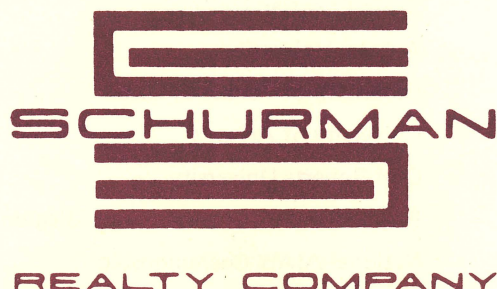


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